

CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Millicent Claire Nolin is four years old

Millicent Claire Nolin was four years old on June 9. She celebrated her birthday with a Barbie pool party at the Elba County Club.

Her parents are Kenneth and Tracie Nolin. Grandparents are: Dwain and Wilene Nolin and Aaron and Kathy Tidwell.

Whittaker named to honor roll at Alabama State University

Sherrie Whittaker, a resident of New Brockton, was among the 855 students named to the honor roll at Alabama State University for the spring semester. Whittaker, who achieved a grade point average of 3.50, was honored during the 2003 Honors Day Convocation, which was held on April 11 in the Joe L. Reed Academic Center. Students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to make the honor roll.

Herring earns PhD in Atlanta

Dr. Cassandra Paulene Evans-Herring, daughter of Riley Paul and Bettye Ballard-Evans, formerly of Elba, and granddaughter of the late Nehemiah and Willie Ballard and Willie and Henrietta Evans, was granted the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta, on May 10, 2003.

Her degree was earned in Educational Studies in the College of Education. Her major was higher education, and her dissertation was entitled "An Intersectional Analysis of the Life Experiences of Mary Elizabeth Branch, the First Black Female Senior College President." Dr. Susan Talbot, Ph.D., served as Cassandra's major advisor.

An Open House luncheon and a separate champagne reception were given in her honor before and after the graduation ceremony, both celebrations being held in the 129-year-old Victorian home of her Uncle Jimmy Bullard. The beautiful home is located in the Grant Park area near downtown Atlanta.

Dr. Evans-Herring is married to Theodore Herring, a bank mortgage broker and airline pilot. They make their home in Hampton, Va., with their son, Emmanuel.

Dr. Evans-Herring earned both a Master's degree in Educational Studies and a Ph.D. in Organizational Communication from the University of Texas.

Cassandra represents the second generation of college graduates in her family, holding degrees of B.A., M.A., M.B.A., J.D., Ed.S., Ed.M., and Ph.D. respectively. She credits her parents for their support of her goals and ambitions. Her uncles, Dr. Robert D. Bullard, (Ph.D.), Jimmy Bullard (Ed.S.) and Leon Bullard (Ed.S.) also were great inspirations to her, as well as her brother, U.S. Army Major Ardelle (Marty) Evans, who has been a great supporter and sibling competitor.

Dr. Herring

Zion Chapel Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School June 23-27

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will hold "Vacation Bible School" Kickoff and Registration on Saturday, June 21, 2003 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the church. There will be food and lots of fun for the entire family. Everyone is invited to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. nightly. Commencement and family night will be held on Friday, June 27. There will be classes for all ages. Babies thru adults.



Elba Head Start Center is taking applications

Applications for the Elba Head Start Center will be taken every Tuesday and Thursday of each week starting June 16, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If interested bring child's birth certificate, proof of income, immunization (blue card), physical (Medicaid screening), child's Medicaid card or other health insurance, food stamp # (if applicable). For more information call Elba Head Start at 897-3675.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Scripture: 14:1-23

***Thinking of you, praying for you. The Coleman family, Ruth Belcher, Alan Belcher, Catherine Waters, O.B. Daniels, Ella M. Brooks, Faye Manning, Shakietha Edwards, Hazel Parker, Rubie D. Watson, Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Maggie Head, Catherine Johnson, Nettie Ruth Hogan, Jeannette Gray, Melissa Margo Kelley, Bettye English and Marion and Joyce Jones.

***3rd Anniversary for Reverend Rubin McKinnon, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Elba will be held July 6, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. The featured minister will be Rev. Freddie Flowers of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church.

***A gospel concert will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Elba will be held July 6, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. featuring The Flying Clouds, Traveling Stars, Singing Echoes, Ingram Brothers and Voices of Harmony. Everyone is invited to attend.

Poem

Sin

Sin will take you farther than you want to go
Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay
Sin will cost you more than you want to pay
Selected

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria

Gospel sing set for the LBW Dixon Center on June 21

A gospel singing will be held at the Dixon Center at LBW College in Andalusia, Ala. on June 21, 2003 at 6 p.m. The featured groups will be The Damascus Road Quartet, Jeffery Mitchell, The Advocates and Christy Jones.

Shiloh Baptist Church to host gospel singing

A singing and bake sale will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church on Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m. The featured group will be the Gospelairs.

Vacation Bible School planned at Victoria Baptist Church

Victoria Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 22-26 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For children ages 0-12 years. There will be Bible Study, games and crafts. Supper will be served each night.

The New Life Quartet to be in concert at Klondyke Gospel Center

The New Life Quartet from Clanton, Ala. will be in concert Saturday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center, located between Newton and Ozark, Ala. There will be a admission charge.

Degrees awarded at Samford University

Samford University conferred degrees on 825 seniors from 26 states and seven foreign nations during Commencement May 24. Local students William

Jonathan Ross of Elba earned a Doctor of Pharmacy, and Leon Augustus Boyd V. of New Brockton earned his Juris Doctor.

MacArthur State Technical College announces area students on President's List

Twenty-five maintained "A" averages during Spring Term 2003, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College President's List. Local students include:

Emma Reeves of Brantley, Ala.; Catherine Burks of Elba and Stacey Cape of Jack, Ala.

Fifty-three students maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 during the Spring Term 2003 these students include:

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LIFESTYLES

Rod Hildreth to speak to SAR members

A broader and more definitive look on how to conduct genealogical workshops is in store for members of Wiregrass area lineage societies during a meeting June 19 in The Rawls in Enterprise.

Speaker will be Rod Hildreth who is to be the guest of host group Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, for the 11:30 program, Bruce H. Taylor, chapter president said. Invitations for what Alabama Society past president John R. Wallace of Enterprise terms "a

major teaching session" have been extended to all area chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames.

The SAR Tri State Chapter in Dothan and the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society in Enterprise have been asked to send members, Taylor said.

Other items on the June 19 meeting agenda include induction of new members Probate Judge William O. Gammill and Charles C. Kelley as well as

presentation of several certificates to members who won approval on supplemental applications, he said.

Members of all groups are welcome to bring their spouse as well as other guests, Taylor said.

Membership in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is open to all men who are able to document a family blood line to a man or woman who served the colonies during 1775-1783 to win freedom from the British Crown.



Left to right are Sue Mauldin; Bama Whitehead; Wyndell Busby, honoree; Mrs. Jackie Smith, mother of the groom; Mrs. Wanda Donaldson, grandmother of the groom.

Miss Wyndell Busby honored with bridal shower May 7th

A bridal shower was given in honor of Wyndell Busby, bride-elect of Jack Meri Smith Jr. on Saturday May 7, 2003 at Basin Baptist Church.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Bama Whitehead. They next preceded to the registry table where Miss Brittany Whitehead and Miss Emily Bowers presided. The table was adorned with pink and blue ribbons and streamers. The guests enjoyed refreshments and dainties served from the beautifully decorated table attended by Mrs. Judy Thomas.

The tables displaying the many gifts received by the honoree were placed by Mrs. Jennifer Totten.

The hostesses were Mrs. Sue Mauldin and Mrs. Bama Whitehead.

John Coffee DAR Chapter celebrates 40th Anniversary

The John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Elba on May 30, 1963 by Miss Eunora Farris. The organizational meeting was held 40 years ago at the home of Mrs. T.D. Kendrick. Other hostesses included her daughter, Mrs. Willard (Olive Ray) Martin, and Mrs. Paul (Nancy) Morrow.

Of the 24 charter members, four are still active in the chapter. They are Nancy Brunson, Olive Ray Martin, Elba Frances Brunson, Armon Hope Lane, Enterprise.

The John Coffee Chapter members and guests met at National Security Insurance Co. Conference Center on Saturday, June 7, 2003, for a 40th Anniversary brunch and regular meeting. Following a brunch served by chapter members from Elba, Nancy Brunson, Addieleen Newman, Olive Ray Martin, Donna Clark and Nell Gilmer.

Jack E. Brunson, National Security, presented a program about the Military Museum they have established at the Conference Center. He explained to the group how acquisitions are obtained and asked for donations or loans to add to the present collection. Currently, many items are housed in beautiful glass display cases as shown in the photo.

Following the program and tour of the military museum, Nell Gilmer, Historian of the chapter, presented a program on the history of the John Coffee Chapter and members were given copies of the history. A slide show has been prepared, using old photographs and newspaper articles, and will be

presented later this year.

The following DAR members were in attendance: Mrs. Roger C. (Jean) Vaughan, State Regent Elect and her husband from Birmingham, Carol Boylston, Nancy Brunson, Donna Clark, Sue Cobb, Nell Gilmer, Elsie Hilton, Pat Howard, Dee Martin, Olive Ray Martin, Ann McGlaun, Felicia Metcalf, Addieleen Newman, Nancy Presnon, Martha Wells, Wendy Zeller, and inactive members Charlotte Hobson and Sarah Fine Hargis. Other guests included Linda Westbrook, Janna Curtis, Don and Doris Seem, Clay Hargis, Doris Cooper, Ruth Ann Adamson, Terry Martin Miller and Jack E. Brunson.

Any woman is eligible for membership in the DAR who is 18 or older and a direct descendant from an ancestor who participated in endeavors to obtain American independence. The DAR programs support historic preservation, promoting education, and patriotic endeavors. For more information on how to become a DAR member, call Nell Gilmer, 493-2182 or Ann McGlaun, 347-8847.

Jack E. Brunson



ASHLYN JONES of Enterprise along with partner, MATT HALL of Callaway are performing this summer at Miracle Strip Park in Panama City Beach, Fla. They perform two 20-minute shows every Sunday night at the park at 8:00 and 10:00.

Ashlyn is the daughter of Lia Lowery Rester of Enterprise and Lee Jones of New Brockton.

Valarie Hope Sanders

Joseph and Cyndi Sanders of Fayetteville, N.C. announce the birth of their daughter, Valarie Hope Sanders. Valarie was born May 2, 2003 at Enterprise Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Valarie was welcomed home by her brother Cody, age two.

Grandparents are Steve and Kay Sanders and Larry and Gerrotha Smith of Elba.

NEW ARRIVALS

JAYCE FOX DUBOSE

Kyle and Jodi DuBose announce the birth of their son, Jayce Fox. He was born June 15, 2003. Jayce weighed 7 lbs. and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his sister, Kylie age three.

Grandparents are Lamar and Beth Henderson of Elba and Dothan, Ala.; Jimmy and Jackie DuBose of Enterprise, Ala.; Gordon and Martha Blanton of Cullman, Ala.; and Danny and Cathy Day of Hanceville, Ala.

Great-grandparents are Jay Dean Day of Hanceville, Ala.; Ollie Farris of Elba; and Ray and Euna DuBose of Opp, Ala.



Jackson Wilder Floyd

JACKSON WILDER FLOYD

Bob and Heather Harrison Floyd announce the birth of their son, Jackson Wilder. He was born April 21, 2003 at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Jackson was welcomed home by his brothers, Drew and Sam and his sister, Ryan.

Grandparents are Pam Kervin and Gary Harrison. His great-grandparents are Annette Scarbrogh of Troy and RD and Lessie Harrison of Elba.



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LIFESTYLES

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Hardy honored on 50th wedding anniversary

Bennie Frank and June Walker Hardy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a private family barbecue May 25th, 2003 at the residence of Billy and Beth Hardy of Columbia, Missouri.

Bennie Frank Hardy and the former June Walker both of Elba, Alabama were married on May 23, 1953. Since that time they have resided in Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Washington D.C., Oklahoma, and Germany before settling down in Missouri.

Bennie retired from the US Army in 1972, then he worked for the Department of the Army civil service until his retirement in 1993. June has worked with the Army Health Nurse Office at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri for the past 34 years.

Their children are Billy and Beth Hardy of Columbia, MO.

Robert and Kay Hardy of Austin, TX. Dora and David Moser of Stouland, MO. Brian and Carol Hardy of Denver, CO. Paul and Marsha of Kansas City, MO.

Their grand children are Melissa and Johnathan Hardy of Austin, TX. Jessica and Kathy Moser of Stouland, MO. Nathan and Kiersten Laurelann Hardy of Columbia, MO.

Their great grand child's name is Chana Jae Hardy of Austin, TX.

At the family barbecue were June's mother Leina Walker from Elba, Alabama, June's sister Karen Lindstrom and her daughter J. D. from Millbrook, Alabama along with children Billy, Beth, Dora, Paul, Marsha, grandchildren Jessica, Kathy, Nathan, and Kiersten Laurelann to wish Bennie and June a happy 50th wedding anniversary.



Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Gregory Sullins

Sullins-Stokes wedding held March 1st

The wedding celebration of Anna Katharine Stokes and Stuart Gregory Sullins was held on March 1, 2003 in Elba, Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lamar Stokes of Elba, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Devon Sullins of Huntsville, Alabama.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jackson W. Stokes and Mrs. Frances Prior of Elba.

Reverend William Martin Gray III performed the ceremony at the First Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bruce performed the wedding recital of selections for flute and guitar that included works of Bach, Mozart, Handel, and Mendelssohn.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of candlelight silk. The strapless gown was designed with a molded bodice that fell to a basque waistline. The full skirt was shaped by layered pleats that swept into a semi-cathedral length train. Her cathedral veil of bridal illusion was gathered to a satin ribbon. She carried a bouquet of purple iris tied with a handkerchief belonging to her great grandmother, Lillie Mae Morrow Vaughan.

Mrs. Karen Quarles Hamburger of Memphis, TN, attended the bride as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Lindsay Elaine Richardson of Chattanooga, TN; Mrs. Stacey Sullins Cloud of Atlanta, GA, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Kelly Brannon Stokes of Canton, NC, sister-in-law of the bride. Attendants were dressed in platinum satin gowns and carried bouquets of Escimo roses.

Mr. Joel Sullins was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Mr.

Crocker Reunion planned for June 22

The Crocker Family Reunion will be held June 22, 2003 at the Masonic Lodge, Airport Road in Elba. The reunion will begin at 12:00 noon. Bring a covered dish. Drinks, ice, paper goods and meats will be provided. Any early morning arrivals can stop by Ralph Crocker's to freshen up. For more information call Ralph at 897-6871.

Wedding Eve Party honors Miss Tillery and Mr. Boyd

Blazing torches tied with cream satin ribbons marked the entry to the Troy Country Club and created a welcoming note when Harriette and Lee Boyd entertained Friday evening, June 6th in honor of their son Bo and his fiancée, Hope Tillery. Guests at the seated dinner were members of the wedding party and their spouses and dates.

Used lavishly throughout the reception rooms were arrangements of cream larkspur, cream freesia, bells of Ireland, white buttonmums, fugi mums, green mums, miniature fresh pineapples and wedges of kiwi fruit.

Greenery gathered from the Boyd lands, ribbon cane, twisted willow, asparagus fern, English ivy, variegated ivy, umbrella palm, mossy branches, gold dark green hedge provided depth and contrast.

These arrangements were placed on the head table in majestic distressed lattice work iron towers and on the round guest tables in distressed iron cones.

Floor length cloths of heavy cream brocade linen covered all the tables. Each place was marked by a miniature two tiered cake decorated with tiny slices of strawberries, kiwi fruits and mint. The cakes were placed on the bottoms of antique crystal goblets turned upside down and tied with gold and cream ribbons.

Overhead brass chandeliers were festooned with cream ribbon, full blown cream anemone and the brilliant feathers of peacocks that had been the pride of Bo's late great uncle, Ted Vaughan.

The guest registry had been placed on the credenza where three distressed antique wooden stands in staggered heights supported bouquets of the theme flowers. These unique stands had been fashioned from the porch spindles of the home of Bo's late great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Bullard. Later in the evening Harriette and Lee welcomed a large party of friends to a supper dance

Mr. Scott & Miss Vaughan

Miss Vaughan & Mr. Scott plan July wedding

Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Brenda Prigden of Elba, along with Mr. Jimmy Vaughan, also of Elba, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Lee Vaughan to Edwin Conway Scott, son of Mrs. Joyce Beard of Midland City, Ala. and the late Mr. Edward Scott of Mableton, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughan and Mrs. Hazel Ennis and the late Mr. Hudson Ennis, all of Elba. Mrs. Vaughan is a 1997 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and a 2003 graduate of Troy State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Ms. Vaughan is currently employed in Dothan, Ala.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ullis Hendrix and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Scott, all of Dothan. Mr. Scott is a 1994 graduate of Dothan High School and is currently employed in physical therapy in Dothan. The couple will exchange vows on July 12, 2003 at six-thirty in the evening at Mount Olive Baptist Church in the First Level Community. A reception will follow in the Fellowship hall. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Thorn Reunion planned for Saturday, July 5th

The Thorn Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 5, 2003 at the Senior Citizen Center in Samson, Ala. All paper goods will be furnished. Bring a covered dish. For more information call Barbara Ezzell at (334)565-3503 or Lunell Jackson at (334)565-3200.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Father's Day is supposed to be a day for us Dads to take it easy and get a little extra attention from the kids. While I did manage to get a little extra rest late in the afternoon, I spent most of the day thinking back to how great my Dad was and how much I miss being able to sit down and talk with him while watching a game on TV. As he grew older he loved to sit back on the weekends and relax while sitting in front of the television, but he always had time to talk and would share stories about my younger days that were meant to be lessons about how better to raise my girls. I am sure we had some arguments along the way, but Sunday afternoon I couldn't even remember one. Maybe memories are really what Father's Day is all about!

SWINGS AND MISSES....

*** The Dothan Eagle announced its annual "Super 12" high school softball team over the weekend and the Elba Lady Tigers were definitely in the spotlight as Samantha Williams and Stephanie Baxley both earned spots on the team, while Coach Amelia Rhoades was named as the "Coach of the Year." Williams had been a starter for many years and wasn't exactly excited when the change was made to fast-pitch, but she stuck with the sport and worked hard to help the team in the field and at the plate, and was the team leader on and off the field during her senior year. Baxley began taking pitching lessons two years ago to get ready for the change to fast-pitch and all those long hours of lessons and hard work in the yard paid off as she won 22 games as a freshman and struck out over 200 batters. Stephanie is proof positive that hard work does indeed pay off! Coach Rhoades will admit she didn't support the change from slow-pitch to fast-pitch two years ago, but will now tell you she loves the game and was honored for helping lead the Lady Tigers into the sub-state finals. While her actual knowledge of the game may not have been enough to write a book, the long time coach used her experience to coach the players on dedication and positive thinking, and guided the team as the season progressed and expectations mounted. No doubt Coach Rhoades was an important member of the program.

*** While male athletes get a lot of attention when they sign college scholarships, here at Elba High it seems like the girls are quietly garnering more than their share of honors and that every year at least a couple of girls put their names on the dotted line. This year was no different as Devri Kilcrease signed with Enterprise-Ozark and Samantha Williams inked with L.B.W. Both seniors had played fast-pitch only two years and were behind many area players, but proved that the girls at Elba High can play the game and will get the chance to continue their careers. Elba High had two female athletes (Melissa Mularz and Roshanda McKinnon) on scholarship at Enterprise-Ozark last year, and now that Devri has followed in their footsteps, maybe all the girls at Elba believe that if they work hard they too can get a free education while playing sports.

*** The first of the Elba All-Stars will hit the field this week when the Dixie Boys hit the road to compete in Luverne and Dothan. The "13-Year-Olds" will have to travel to Dothan to compete against Dothan, Enterprise and Ozark, while the "14-Year-Olds" will head up to Luverne to compete with Luverne, Troy, Greenville and Highland Home. While it looks like the younger boys have a tougher road, one thing is certain and that is that both teams will represent Elba well. Good Luck!

*** In closing...Ronald McKinnon will be back in town this weekend for his fifth annual football camp and I hope a large crowd heads out to Tiger Stadium on Saturday morning to meet Ronald and learn a little about football. While the amount the kids will learn about football is only two and a half hours is questionable, the lesson they can learn from Ronald about hard work and believing in one's self is priceless. Ronald wasn't big enough to get a scholarship at Auburn after his career at Elba High, but he did get one to North Alabama and in four years was a three-time All-American and won the Harlon Hill Trophy as the best football player in Division II. When his college career ended he wasn't drafted by the pros, but he signed as a free agent with Arizona and has led the Cardinals in tackles every year since. Despite his lofty stats he has yet to be named All-Pro. However, there is no doubt he will continue to work hard and he will get that coveted honor one year very soon. His entire career in football has always been a struggle, but has always had a happy ending. I will see you Saturday, and once again tell everyone how proud I am to call you a friend and to know that even after being away from Elba for so long you still call Elba home and go to work with your youth.

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By The Dothan Eagle

Lady Tiger duo named to "Super 12"

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2003 "Super 12" high school softball team over the weekend and included on the honored list were Elba Lady Tiger standouts Samantha Williams and Stephanie Baxley. Williams, a senior, played short-stop for Elba and anchored the Lady Tigers both in the field and at the plate. Williams batted 350 during the 2003 season, drove in 27 runs, scored 28 runs and boasted a .476 on-base percentage.

Baxley, a freshman, was the Lady Tigers' #1 pitcher throughout the season and led Elba by posting a 22-5 record with a 1.17 earned run average. The hard-throwing right-hander also

struck out 2-7 batters in only 149 innings. At the plate, Baxley batted .265 and knocked in 12 runs in only 34 at-bats.

"It is an honor for these girls and for the Elba High softball program to have two members of the team included on the Super 12 team this season," said Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades. "Only seven area schools had players on the big school team, and for Elba to place two players on the list is really an accomplishment. Samantha was a leader throughout the season and was steady in the field and at the plate, while Stephanie was our workhorse on the pitching rubber and played a major role in our success with her pitching

skills. We have only played fast-pitch softball for two seasons. However, the girls have never once complained about the change and work hard every day to be the best they can be. These two young ladies played big roles in the success of this year's team and are deserving of the honor."

Complete "Super 12" team rosters include (Big School) Shaquitta Holt and Kayla Gordon, of Ashford; Mallory Benak and Lakweisha Griggs, of Dothan; Terri Rodgers and Teela Witherspoon, of Enterprise; Chelsey Howard and Brittany Carlisle, of Charles Henderson; Chelsie Justice, of Geneva; Anna Tew, of Headland; Samantha Williams and Stephanie Baxley, of Elba; (Small School) Megan Hudson, of Samson; Lexi Phillips, of Ariston; Britni Ballard and Brittany Blount, of Pleasant Home; Amy Harrison, of Chipley; Timra Clemmons, of Beilhearn; Ivey Jeffcoat, of Ashford Academy; Megan Dorney and Kelly Kamstra, of Northside Methodist; and Melea Ross, of Providence Christian.

Ashford's Shequita Holt and Houston Academy's Megan Jensen were named "Players of the Year."

Elba "14-Year-Old" All-Stars hit tourney trail Friday in Luverne

The Elba Dixie Boys "14-Year-Old" All-Stars will hit the 2003 tournament trail next week when they travel to Luverne to compete in the Dixie Boys District 6, Sub-District 4 Baseball Tournament.

The five-team, double-elimination tournament will begin on Friday, June 20, at 6:00, when the Elba All-Stars take the field to battle Greenville. Troy will meet Luverne in the nightcap at 8:00, while Highland Home received a bye and will not begin competition until the second night of action.

The losers of the games on Friday will meet at 8:00 Saturday night in an elimination

Elba "13-Year-Old" All-Stars begin tourney action June 20

The Elba Dixie Boys "13-Year-Old" All-Stars will swing into action Friday night when they compete in the District 6, Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament at Dothan's Eastgate Park.

The four-team, double-elimination tournament will begin on Friday, June 20, at 5:30, when Enterprise tangles with Ozark, to be followed at 8:00 with the match-up between Elba and Dothan Southern.

The losers will return on Saturday at 4:00 in an elimination contest, with the winners

set to meet on Saturday at 6:00. One game will be played on Monday, beginning at 6:00, with single games also set for Tuesday and Wednesday, at 7:00.

Members of the Elba All-Stars include Gage Nalley, John Wayne Lambert, Don Rhoades, Colt Anderson, Shane Adkinson, Jeremy Sneed, Logan Carney, Harry White, Kasey Grantham, Hunter Walden, Nathan Foster, Bobby Hudson and Ryan McCollough. Coaches are Stevie Walden, Dwain Rhoades and James Foster.

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SPORTS

Ronald McKinnon football camp is set for Saturday, June 21 at Elba's Tiger Stadium

The 5th annual "Ronald McKinnon Football Camp" will be held on Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM at Elba High School's Tiger Stadium, and all area football players ages 6 and up are encouraged to attend this free camp that will include a brief look into the techniques of playing football.

The coaching staff of Elba High will assist with the camp, and all campers will receive free camp t-shirts. No advance registration is needed, but players are

urged to wear football shoes if possible.

"I got my start in football as a youngster growing up in Elba," stated McKinnon, now a stand-out with the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League, "and am proud to be able to come home again and sponsor this free camp for all the youngsters in the area. Sometimes it takes to help a young player become dedicated to being his best, is some encouragement, and I am here to talk with the kids and encourage them to try

their best in every thing they do. We will get on the field and teach some of the basics of the game by position. However, I want all the youngsters to just come out and share a few hours with me, the other coaches and all the players and find out what football is all about. I know I don't get the chance to come back to Elba a lot, but I always look forward to coming back home and hope all my friends will also come out and at least say hi."

For Elba Steal softball team

Nothing but close games in Troy Dixie Belles

The Elba Steal completed in the Troy Recreation Department's "Dixie Belles Softball League" the past two weeks and after losing three straight one-run games closed out its season by claiming a one-win win.

Following are highlights of the four games played in Troy:

Troy Thunder 4
Elba Steal 3

The Troy Thunder scored four runs during a rain storm and held on late to edge past the Elba Steal 4-3. The Steal jumped out to an early 2-1 lead behind the hitting of Melanie Mularz. Stephanie Baxley and Krystan Parker, and owned a 3-2 lead after two innings after Brittany Caldwell singled and scored on a triple off the bat of Melanie Mularz. The Bees took advantage of three Steal errors to pull even at 3-3 in the sixth, then scored twice in the eighth to pull ahead 5-3. Valarie Hutcherson scored in the bottom of the eighth to cut the lead to 5-4, but the Steal stranded a runner on third and suffered the loss 5-4. Melanie Mularz had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Steal, while Stephanie Baxley, Krystan Parker and Brittany Caldwell all added 1 hit. Brooke Stinson was tagged with the loss as she pitched one inning and allowed two runs on two hits and three walks.

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Troy Bees 4
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Troy Lookouts 10
Elba Steal 9

The Elba Steal battled back from an early 9-1 deficit to pull within one run, but was unable to plate the tying run as the Troy Lookouts held on late to post a wild 10-9 win. The Steal jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Valarie Hutcherson doubled and later scored on a wild pitch. However, the Lookouts answered with one run in the second to pull even, and then took advantage of four walks to plate five runs in the third to extend their lead to 6-1. The Steal trailed 9-1 heading into the bottom of the fourth, but came to life at the plate and sparked by a double by Haley Stinson and a triple by YoYo Reynolds scored five runs to cut the lead to 9-6. Hits by Summer Stricklin and Krystan Parker helped the

Steal get as close at 10-9 in the sixth, but that was as close as they absorbed the 10-9 defeat. Krystan Parker and Summer Stricklin both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Steal, while Valarie Hutcherson, Melanie Mularz, Haley Stinson and YoYo Reynolds all added 1 hit. Brooke Stinson took the loss on the pitching rubber as she allowed 9 runs on 3 hits and seven walks.

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Cardinals win two of three to claim Elba Dixie Youth baseball League championship

The Cardinals posted wins in two of three games last week to claim the championship of the Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Cardinals 5
Pirates 4

The Cardinals scored 4 runs in the top of the fifth inning to grab the lead and then held on to edge past the Pirates 5-4. The Pirates had scored 2 runs in the opening inning on a two-run homer by Richard Cooks to grab a quick 2-0 lead, and added one run in the fourth to extend their lead to 3-1. The Cardinals took advantage of two walks, two errors and singles by Justin Winters and Michael Spurlin to plate four runs in the fifth to move ahead 5-3, and then turned back a late Pirate rally to claim the 5-4 win. Jordan McBride had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to

Blue Jays 8
Cardinals 0

The Blue Jays kept their title hopes alive by posting an impressive 8-0 win over the Cardinals. The Blue Jays scored five runs in the first and two runs in the second to grab an early 7-0 lead, and coasted in with the big 8-0 win. Cameron Hall and Jamison Baker both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Cardinals, while Bradley Wilson and Freddie Gray both added 1 hit. Bradley Wilson got the win on the mound as he tossed a four-hitter with 12 strike-outs. Getting hits for the Cardinals were Justin Winters, Michael Spurlin, Zack

Stephens and Jantzen Flowers.

Cardinals 6
Pirates 4

The Cardinals claimed the league championship by posting a 6-4 win over the Pirates. The Cardinals owned a 4-0 lead in the third and appeared headed for an easy win, but the Pirates rallied and pulled even in the fourth at 4-4, only to see the Cardinals score two runs late to pull out the win. Justin Winters and Jordan McBride both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Kyle Pope added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Aaron Drewery had a bases-loaded triple to lead the Pirates, while Colton Vaughan added 1 hit.

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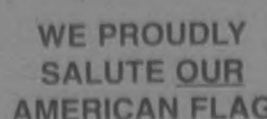
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Ohio-based automotive supplier chooses Elba as home for new facility

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Jobs are an important part of economic growth, and to have that, a city needs industry. Well, the City of Elba got it last week when officials announced the expansion of a northwest Ohio automotive parts supplier.

During a ceremony Thursday, June 19, from the auditorium of Elba High School, officials announced an agreement with Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. (TMD) to expand its plastic injection and blow molding business by building a new facility in Elba.

"Without question, this is a great day for the City of Elba and State of Alabama," Elba Mayor James Grimes said. "Elba, Alabama is open for business!"

Elba Industrial Development board chairman Eddie Kelley said Grimes is on mission to create jobs and offer a better

quality of life for the people of Elba, and the city is a great place to operate a business while raising a family.

On that note, Mayor Grimes and Elba Economic



Donald L. Harbaugh
President & CEO

Development Corporation director Kaye Whitworth joined Jarrod Massey, president of Massey Development Group, Inc., in introducing the "newest corporate citizen of Elba - Toledo Molding & Die, Inc."

President and CEO of TMD, Donald L. Harbaugh, immediately got down to business when he said the company presently employs about 950 people with its operations in Ohio and expects to employ 100 plus with the new

facility in Elba.

With the automotive industry growing in the southern region of the United States, Harbaugh said leaders of TMD realized the company needed to be in this region if it wanted to be a "player" in the industry.

Therefore, the search for a new location began.

"We looked in four states," he said. "And, Elba came out number one."

He said it was very obvious from the beginning the officials from Elba wanted TMD to locate here, and that was very important to him.

Harbaugh stressed this in saying the officials from Elba had done a wonderful job in getting everybody on the same page.

"We (TMD) are excited about coming to Elba and the region," he said. "And, we will hire a lot of people from this little community here."

Harbaugh said TMD believes in creating value for the customers and creating value for the community it's in; therefore, he said he looks forward to supporting the community of Elba.

Speaker of the House Seth Hammett spoke directly to Harbaugh when he said there is a stable environment for business and Alabama and especially in Elba.

Jesse Lewis accepts governor's appointment to commission seat

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission welcomed a new member to its panel Monday morning, June 23, prior to the regular bimonthly meeting as the vacant District Two seat was filled.

This seat was recently left vacant following the death of Commissioner Kayo Lewis, and Monday morning, his wife, Jesse Lewis, filled the spot as she took the oath of office delivered by Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill.

Later in the meeting Lewis said she was very humble and honored to have this position and is looking forward to working with the other commissioners.

She received the appointment to the seat from Governor Bob Riley and will complete the remainder of her husband's term in office.

"I can not nearly fill my husband's shoes, but I will do my very best," Lewis said.

Elba Mayor James Grimes addressed the commission Monday morning to ask for the county's assistance.

"As you know, we've got a new industry coming to Elba," Grimes said. "I'm here to ask for assistance."

The mayor said the city would greatly benefit from the county's help with in-kind services such as preparing the site for construction of the building, and

he said this help would help to keep costs down.

Commissioner Jim Thompson asked Grimes if the city would have someone at the site to help county engineer Randy Tindell and his crew with the details of the work, and Grimes assured him there would be others working on-site.

He said the city does not have all the equipment needed to prepare the land nor the expertise for this type job, therefore, he said the county's help will be much needed and appreciated.

Also, the mayor said the city has access to and will provide all the dirt needed for the job.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion to allow the county to assist the City of Elba in preparing the site for the construction of the new building. His motion received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the county has finally completed the voting location lines to comply with the federal justice department.

He said there were only very minor changes, but these had to be done to follow the geometric lines of the county.

Mobley said any voter affected by these changes in figures to district or polling place will be notified by the Board of

County BOE looks at solution for ZC sewage problem

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held a special meeting Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m. (TONIGHT), from the BOE office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba.

NAACP COB 2007 EXECUTIVE MEETING will be held Saturday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m. with the regular monthly meeting following at 10:30 a.m. at John Chapel AME, Enterprise. For more information contact Tammy Haynes 393-6747.

AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY CHAPTER POST 42 will meet Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at the Legion Building on the Troy Hwy.

THE "CELEBRATE ELBA 150" COMMITTEE will host a birthday Bash commemorating Elba's 150 years Saturday evening, July 12, beginning around 5 p.m. This event will offer fun for the entire family as everyone enjoys a huge picnic around the historic courthouse square. The evening will conclude with a large fireworks display set to begin between 8:30 and 9 p.m. There is no admission charge to attend this event.

Ingram said the school system has a federal grant for \$100,000 to apply towards a fix for this problem; however, she said the suggested fix will cost more than \$100,000.

According to Ingram, the suggested solution is a bio-clear wastewater system which releases water into a drop fill line, and the water comes out of that line 97 percent clear.

Ingram said she has been conferring with Richard Keith, a certified engineer with Wiregrass Engineering of Ozark, and he said this will take care of the sewage problem.

The board's vice-chairman, Danny Jernigan, said he would like to see a one-time fix for this problem, but first asked that Keith come to the board's next meeting to discuss the situation.



Probate Judge William O. Gammill provides the oath of office for Jesse Lewis Monday morning, June 23, prior to the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission. Lewis was appointed to the District II seat following the recent death of her husband, Kayo Lewis. Those looking on include Lewis' son, Keith Lewis; daughter, Maxine Lane; and daughter-in-law, Lyn Lewis.

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